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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN FIRM REQUEST FOR INCREASED TARIFF - SOUTHERN CROSS MACHINERY

- 1. THE VICE PRESIDENT OF NELSON IRRIGATION OF WALLA WALLA WASHINGTON HAS WRITTEN THE DEPARTMENT STATING THAT AN AUSTRALIAN COMPANY SOUTHERN CROSS MACHINERY PTY.LTD. IS NOW MANUFACTURING A COPY OF THEIR PRODUCT THE BIG GUN SPRINKLER WHICH IS USED ON TRAVELING IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT. SOUTHERN CROSS HAS ALSO ASKED THE GOA TO IMPOSE A 26 PERCENT DUTY ON IMPORTS. UNTIL RECENTLY NELSON WAS FURNISHING THEIR PRODUCT TO SOUTHERN CROSS FOR USE ON AUSTRALIAN MANUFACTURED TRAVELING IRRIGATION SYSTEMS.
- 2. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY CONFIRMATION THAT A REQUEST FOR PROTECTION HAS BEEN MADE AND IF SO AN UNCLASSIFIED

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EVALUATION OF WHAT THE GOA INTENDS TO DO. IN THE EVENT SUCH ACTION IS PENDING PLEASE CONVEY USG VIEWS OPPOSING FURTHER PROTECTIONIST MEASURES.

3. WE HAVE INFORMED NELSON OF THIS CABLE AND TOLD THEM THAT IN THE EVENT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS BY THE GOA THEY WILL NEED TO MAKE THEIR OWN PRESENTATION OPPOSING THE TARIFF INCREASE. VANCE

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